



Department of Public Health & Human Services, Helena

**Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010**

I. Call to order

Dennis Maier, MD called to order the regular meeting of the **State Trauma Care Committee** at **1130** on **November 8, 2010** in **Helena, MT**.

II. Roll call

Roll call was conducted and the following persons were present:

Present: Kristin Lowery, Elaine Schuchard, Pauline Linnell, Andrew Michel, Leah Emerson and Tim Sinton.
Dennis Maier, Lyndy Gurchiek and Brad Vonbergen attended by teleconference.
Justin Grohs attended by conference call.

Absent: Lauri Jackson , Freddy Bartoletti, Brad Pickhardt and Jonathan Weisul

Guests: Bobbi Perkins, Gail Hatch, Jim DeTienne, Jennie Nemec, Joe Hansen, Carol Kussman, Sam Miller, Jim DeTienne, Megan Hamilton, John Bleicher and Dayle Perrin.
Jason Mahoney, Sally Hageman, Marla Leedy, Andrew Goss and Lindsey McCurdy attended by teleconference.

III. Handouts

- Agenda & previous meeting
- WRTAC meeting minutes
- 2011 MT Trauma system calendar
- CDC Field Triage Decision scheme poster/card; MMWR January, 2009
- DRAFT MT Field Trauma Decision Scheme/Trauma Team Activation Criteria

IV. RTAC Reports

a) Central RTAC report given by Jennie Nemec

The last CRTAC meeting was October 28, 2010 and hosted by Benefis Healthcare.

^ Six facilities were represented with 16 attendees.

State report was given by Jennie Nemec. Benefis is working to provide improved communications and feedback for transferred patients and will begin closer review of care provided in referral facilities with the goal of improved care through coordinated oversight for regional transfers.

EMS "Drop-sheets" have been implemented to facilitate initial EMS reports.

Trauma case reviews included chest/abdominal trauma, hypothermia in trauma and assessment/re-warming strategies

The next CRTAC meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2011 at Benefis Health Care

b) Eastern RTAC report given by Brad Vonbergen

The last ERTAC meeting was September 9, 2010 at the Mansfield Heath Education Center.

Meeting minutes were available for review. 17 facilities attended by Telemedicine.

Case reviews included shock and pediatric trauma resuscitation, Penetrating tracheal laceration, Extremity trauma/care of amputated extremities, Reserve Tornado lessons learned, including scene & hospital safety/ hazardous material exposure/decon issues, and issues identified by flight teams

Leigh Taggart presented SBIRT information and will provide table info @ RMRTS

ATCN will be offered for RNs concurrently with Billings ATLS Course in November, 2010.

The Education subcommittee will pilot the Geriatric Trauma class

The next ERTAC meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2010 at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

c) Western RTAC report given by Krissy Lowery

The WRTAC meeting was held on October 8, 2010 hosted by St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

WRTAC meeting minutes were distributed for review.

Case reviews included drowning/hypothermia patients and re-warming strategies, stab wound to the chest, elderly MVC patient with chest/extremity trauma, obesity, heart disease, diabetes and on Coumadin, 2 person MCC with co-response by ground & rotor with issues as to ground vs air transport, MVC patient in burning vehicle with airway issues,

ATV crash patient with unstable pelvic fracture needing sheet stabilization earlier blood product administration and ABGs obtained "routinely" after intubation. Additional cases reviewed included MCC driver w/CHI/chest trauma who suffered an ischemic infarct, a head-on MVC driver with cardiac arrhythmias and probable MI causing the crash, and a MVC traumatic field arrest patient for who a code was called, but no TTA until after the patient's VS returned.

Additional regional issues include use of tourniquets, BLS Services cancelling ALS and developing recommendations/guidelines for when ALS should be requested.

State Trauma Report/Update was given by Carol Kussman

The next WRTAC meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2011 at Community Medical Center in Missoula.

V. State Trauma Report Jennie Nemec

2011 Trauma activity calendars were distributed

ATLS Courses scheduled, 2011:

March 4 & 5, Great Falls

April 8 & 9, Billings

June 24 & 25, Missoula

October 14 & 15, Missoula

November 4 & 65 Billings

Applications, info, available slots on EMSTS website: www.dphhs.mt.gov/ems

State Designation activity:

Redesignation:	Chester		TRF
	Harlowton	11/2010	TRF
Designation:	Terry		TRF

ACS level II/MT Regional Trauma Center

Re-verification/Designation review

Benefis Healthcare, Great Falls, November 29 & 30, 2010

St. Vincent Healthcare, February 24 & 25, 2011

Education/Meetings:

MT Trauma System Conference held Wed, September 20 prior to RMRTS in Helena at Great Northern Inn with 80 attendees. Conference content addressed Performance Improvement, Case studies, Trauma Team preparation and PI-based training, Interfacility Transfer issues and break-out sessions for like-sized facilities & Trauma Medical directors

2011 Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium will be held in Kalispell at the Red Lion Hotel. The WRTAC is "hosting" the next conference and conference planning has begun.

Collector TR 2005 AIS coder computer education course for Collector Trauma Registrars beginning 11/2/10: EMSTS is able to reimburse ½ course tuition cost for one person/Collector facility after completion of the course

STCC meetings have been scheduled for WEDNESDAYS in 2011 to facilitate attendance. STCC 2011 dates are:

February 16

May 11

August 10

November 9

Trauma Coordinators/Trauma Registrars next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2011 by WebEx to save costs & decrease risks of winter travel.

Preparedness

Advanced Burn Life Support

Total= 119 Montana students attending to-date (EMTs, RNs, MDs, mid-level providers), HPP scheduling 4-6 courses in 2011

BDLS/ADLS

Total BDLS trained to-date: 293

Total ADLS trained to-date: 95

BDLS: budgeted for 3 BDLS computer courses spring 2011

ADLS: budgeted 1 course, June 3-4, 2011 @ Fairmont

Flu/Pandemic update:

Five Porta-Count machines for fit testing have been purchased and will be made available to hospitals on a rotating basis to facilitate their fit-testing programs.

National CPDP/Anniston Training:

There is a new course available to assist with writing Respiratory Protection Programs

As with other CDP courses, all costs associated with the course are paid for if you are accepted into a course.

EmergencyCare Committee:

Last meeting 8/30/10, WebEx

Air Medical Work Group- activation guidelines being developed

EMS documentation rule changes

AED Grant

Electronic PCR

Mutual Aid Radio System Workgroup

EMD training workgroup

Next meeting 11/29/10, WebEx

State Trauma System issues continue to receive attention and focus through RTACs and STCC;

State Trauma registry data report was presented by Carol Kussman and data issues discussed.

Additional regional issues discussion:

Overactivation/Underactivation issues, including MOI activation criteria, especially in smaller facilities

“Re-patriation” issues related to difficulties returning trauma patients to home facility when ready to be transferred from higher-level facility. Some facilities are removing “re-patriation”/patient return language from transfer agreements due to “un-enforceability” issues

CDC Field Triage Decision Scheme implementation in Montana: states are under increasing pressure from CDC & ACS to evaluate and implement the 2006 Field Triage Decision Scheme. There was discussion as to relevance, need and the time required for such in Montana. Materials from CDC and an initial DRAFT of guidelines for Montana were reviewed. It was agreed that a workgroup would be assembled to evaluate the guidelines, determine implications for Montana and make recommendations accordingly.

VI. Seatbelt Coalition Update

Steve Yeakel, MT Council for Maternal & Child Health and facilitator for the MT Seat Belt Coalition presented the strategies being undertaken to address the lack of a Primary Seat belt Law in Montana. 18 Community Forums are being scheduled with SB activity to be presented in light of the upcoming legislature.

VII. ET Study update John Bleicher

The Montana state-wide Pre-hospital intubation study is progressing, but the number of ET cards being submitted to the study are fewer than expected. Please encourage study participation, completion and submission of the cards. Contact John Bleicher or Steve Glow if more cards are needed.

VIII. Injury Prevention Bobbi Perkins

Leigh Taggert, RN, MT SBIRT Project Coordinator, presented SBIRT program information and information about CPT/GO codes for reimbursement.

Bobbi provided a report on the IP goals, priorities activities and two-year plan. The slides are available for review upon request and will be attached to the minutes for STCC review.

IX. Subcommittee Reports

Education Subcommittee:

TEAM course issues continue. Finding physicians willing to present the physician component of the course remains challenging. One idea being explored would be to videotape the physician giving the lecture to show during the course. While less ideal than giving the lecture in-person, would at least permit the course to be conducted. One of the most beneficial components of the course for the communities where TEAM courses have been conducted has been the on-site participation of physicians as faculty to instruct trauma resuscitation, mentor rural providers and discuss/address regional systems issues/concerns related to interfacility transfers.

PI/EP Subcommittee:

PI summary information was reviewed. Designation & EP activities were reviewed previously during the meeting. Additional PI parameters will likely be identified during the Preventable Mortality study and those should be included as prioritized PI activities. STCC discussed whether another State Trauma Report/"Report Card" format would be important to communicate system status, issues and activities and generate additional support for trauma system development. One suggestion was to contract for such an additional report.

Public Advocacy/Legislative- no meeting

XI. Public Comment

None received.

Adjournment

Chairman Dennis Maier adjourned the meeting.

The next State Trauma Care Committee meeting will be held in Helena, WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2011, in Helena.

Case Reviews included;

- I. Elderly head trauma patient on anticoagulant, anti platelet therapy with implications for initial "uptriage", guidelines for implementation of diagnostic & management strategies, vigilance in assessment oversight and guidelines for coagulation reversal.
- II. Extremity trauma with delayed vascular compromise and issues related to "uptriage"/Trauma Team level activation due to specific mechanism, focused education on components of neurovascular assessment/intervention, facilitating timely transfer and provider response.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jennie Nemec, RN, Trauma System Manager